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NEWSLETTER

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Adult Summer Reading Program is now underway @ your library™

The 2002 Adult Summer Reading Program has begun! Some changes have been made since last year. This year we will include visits to museums along with the reading of books. Up to two museum visits may be counted towards the goal. Once again there will be a prize to everyone who reads five books. There will also be weekly prize drawings beginning June 3, and a Grand Prize drawing on September 4. Several area merchants have contributed prizes for the drawings. Sign up now at either library. For more details, call 847-1566.



Vacation Loans @ your library™

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, you may request to have most of your materials for a longer loan period. Vacation Loan does *not* apply to **New** books or to Videos. The vacation loan period will give a two-week extension, so items may be checked out for 5 weeks, instead of the normal 3 weeks. Please remember to request the vacation loan *before* a staff member begins checking out your items. Happy traveling and reading this summer!



Speaking of Books @ your library™

Speaking of Books, the adult book discussion group has voted on books to discuss for the remainder of the year. Most meetings are the third Wednesday of the month; all meetings are at 1:00 PM. See our schedule below. We always serve dessert and beverages. Come join us! For more information, call 847-1566.

- June 12 – *Plain and Simple: A Woman's Journey to the Amish* by Sue Bender
- July 16 – *She Walks These Hills* by Sharyn McCrumb
- Aug. 21 – *Growing Up* by Russell Baker
- Sept. 18 – *Decorations in a Ruined Cemetery* by John Gregory Brown (the author will be present at the discussion)
- Oct. 16 – *In Sunlight, in a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen Cambor
- Nov. 13 – *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant
- Dec. 18 – *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith

Library Hours

Main – Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. – 9:30 AM-5:30 PM
Tues., Thurs. – 9:30 AM-9:00 PM

Downtown Branch – Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Both libraries will be closed on Thursday, July 4



Looking for some music? It's now easier to find @ your library™

The staff is in the process of re-processing the adult music cassettes. For those of you who remember having to look for a numbered card in a box, you may be happy to know that the music cassettes are now displayed on the library shelves near the front windows. It appears that this display has been inviting to patrons, as the circulation figures for January to April in 2001 and 2002 will attest. In January through April 2001, we circulated 34 music cassettes; in January through April 2002, that figure had increased to 269!



Changes over the years @ your library™

The Lynchburg Public Library has been in existence since 1966. But today's library is not 1966's library! In 1966, library use was pretty much defined by the number of items checked out, the number of children in story times in the library and the number of reference questions. Today, the library is a much more complex institution.

- In the 1966, there were about 3,000 registered borrowers. Today there are 37,000 (more than half of our community).
- In 1966, 143,000 items were checked out; this year we'll check out closer to 450,000- but what are those items?
 - In 1966 – the collection was comprised of 30,000 books, phonograph records, and magazines. Users came to the library to get them. We had a phone.
 - In 2002 – the collection is 150,000 books, magazines, audiotapes, videos, books on CD, and the Internet. The library web site connects to an electronic database of 1800 magazines, most of them full text, that can be accessed from anywhere

in the world; you no longer need to come to the building to use our services or to access quality information. And, there is not a phonograph record in sight!



Computer Classes honor the 1000th student @ your library™

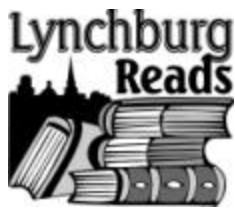
The computer lab has become an asset to the library and to the community. Computer instructor Stuart Byczynski reports that Lynn Shelton was the 1000th person to take one of our computer classes. Classes began in January, and the number 1000 was reached in the beginning of April. Ms. Shelton was awarded a certificate from the library, plus gift certificates and merchandise from local merchants. Classes offered are Basic Keyboard and Mouse, Internet, Word, E-mail, and now also classes in Windows Operation, E-mail Attachments and Resume Preparation. For more information, or to sign up for computer classes, call 847-1566.



Great Movies Of or About the 60's @ your library™

Beginning June 3 and continuing throughout the summer, the library will be showing movies and having a discussion afterward. All movies will be shown in the library's community room at 7:00 PM. There will be **no admission charge**. The schedule is as follows. For more information, call 847-1566.

June 3 – Blowup – Discussion led by Dr. Klaus Phillips of Hollins University
 June 24 – The Apartment
 July 1 – Rosemary's Baby
 July 8 – One, Two, Three
 July 29 – Birdy
 August 5 – Requiem for a Heavyweight
 August 26 – I Wanna Hold Your Hand



Lynchburg Reads

Lynchburg Reads was a success! The library had 30 copies of *Of Mice and Men*, and had to order 20 more to

reach the demands. Some of the local bookstores reported selling out of the book the first day.

Numerous citizens of Lynchburg read the book, and many attended the showings of the film, the book discussions at various locations, the lecture by Steinbeck scholar Dr. Susan Shillinglaw, and the play at E.C. Glass High School. Plans are in the making to have **Lynchburg Reads** become an annual event. Next year's book title will be chosen sometime this summer. Suggestions for our second **Lynchburg Reads** book are welcome. Call the reference desk at 847-1566, or e-mail us at

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